

REMARKS

Claims 3-7, and 9-18 are now pending in the application. The amendments to the claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection in view of the present response.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Boyko (Publ. No. US 2003/0140610 A1). By way of the present response, Claims 1, 2, and 8 have been cancelled, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that Claims 3-7 and 9-13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants have amended Claims 3 and 9 to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, Claims 3-7 and 9-13 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt

and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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